

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
 - 2 obtaining a program identifier from a program database, wherein the program identifier is
 - 3 associated with a particular program;
 - 4 accessing program content information associated with the program identifier from an
 - 5 information database; and
 - 6 providing at least a portion of the program content information to a user.
- 1 2. The method as in Claim 1, further including the steps of:
 - 2 receiving a time and a channel associated with the particular program; and
 - 3 providing the time and the channel to the program database.
- 1 3. The method as in Claim 2, wherein the channel is accessed from a tuner.
- 1 4. The method as in Claim 2, wherein the channel is specified by the user.
- 1 5. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the program database includes an Internet database.
- 1 6. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the information database is accessible through the
2 Internet.
- 1 7. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the information database includes an Internet search
2 engine.
- 1 8. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the particular program is a multimedia program.

- 1 9. The method as in Claim 8, wherein the multimedia program is a television program, a
2 current program, or a future program.
- 1 10. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the particular program is an audio program.
- 1 11. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the particular program is selected by the user.
- 1 12. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the at least a portion of the program content
2 information is a brief description of the particular program.
- 1 13. The method as in Claim 11, wherein the brief description includes an actor listing.
- 1 14. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the at least a portion of the program content
2 information is a detailed description of the particular program.
- 1 15. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the program identifier is a program title.
- 1 16. The method as in Claim 1, wherein providing the at least a portion of the program content
2 information includes displaying the representation of the program content information on
3 a display device.
- 1 17. The method as in Claim 1, further including the step of providing an advertisement
2 associated with the information database to the user.

- 1 18. A system comprising:
2 a network interface to access:
3 an information database to provide program content information associated with a
4 program identifier, wherein the program identifier is associated with a
5 particular program and provided from a program database;
6 a description generator to:
7 obtain said program identifier from said program database;
8 access said program content information from said information database through
9 said network interface;
10 present said program content information to a display device; and
11 said display to provide said program content information.
- 1 19. The system as in Claim 18, wherein said program database is accessed through said
2 network interface.
- 1 20. The system as in Claim 18, further including a control interface to receive a request to
2 present said program content information related to said particular program.
- 1 21. The system as in Claim 20, wherein said request includes a time and a channel associated
2 with said particular program.
- 1 22. The system as in Claim 21, wherein said time and said channel are provided to said
2 program database.
- 1 23. The system as in Claim 18, wherein said particular program is presented on said display.
- 1 24. The system as in Claim 18, further including a tuner to decode said particular program.

1 25. The system as in Claim 18, wherein said particular program is a multimedia program.

1 26. The system as in Claim 18, wherein said program content information includes a brief
2 description of said particular program.

1 27. The system as in Claim 18, wherein said program content information includes a detailed
2 description of said particular program.

1 28. The system as in Claim 18, wherein said program identifier includes a program title
2 associated with said particular program.

1 29. The system as in Claim 18, wherein said information database includes an Internet
2 website.

1 30. The system as in Claim 18, wherein said information database includes an Internet search
2 engine.

1 31. The system as in Claim 18, further used to provide an advertisement associated with the
2 information database.

- 1 32. A computer readable medium tangibly embodying a program of instructions, said
2 program of instructions comprising instructions to:
3 obtain a program identifier from a program database, wherein the program identifier is
4 associated with a particular program;
5 access program content information associated with the program identifier from an
6 information database; and
7 provide at least a portion of the program content information to a user.
- 1 33. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, said program of instructions further used
2 to:
3 receive a time and a channel associated with the particular program; and
4 provide the time and the channel to the program database.
- 1 34. The computer readable medium as in Claim 33 wherein the channel is accessed from a
2 tuner.
- 1 35. The computer readable medium as in Claim 33, wherein the channel is specified by the
2 user.
- 1 36. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein the program database includes
2 an Internet database.
- 1 37. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein the information database is
2 accessible through the Internet.
- 1 38. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein the information database
2 includes an Internet search engine.

- 1 39. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein the particular program is a
2 multimedia program.
 - 1 40. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein the at least a portion of the
2 program content information is a brief description of the program content information.
 - 1 41. The computer readable medium as in Claim 40, wherein the brief description includes an
2 actor listing.
 - 1 42. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein the at least a portion of the
2 program content information is a detailed description of the program content information.
 - 1 43. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein the program identifier is a
2 program title.
 - 1 44. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein providing the at least a portion
2 of the program content information includes displaying the representation of the program
3 content information on a display device.
 - 1 45. The computer readable medium as in Claim 32, wherein said program of instructions
2 further comprising instructions to present an advertisement associated with the
3 information database to the user.